

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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Walking the Way

Living the life of Jesus today

New Resources Available:
[December](#)

St Andrew's Cheam
presents an
Introduction to
Understanding and
Interpreting the Bible

THE BIBLE: Sixty six books, varied styles of writing, many authors from very diverse cultures, can leave us struggling to fully understand its true message and meaning.

This event will help you appreciate a little more of how to appropriately read and understand the Bible.

December 4
10.00 – 14.30

To register, contact: Andy Twilley
training@urcsouthern.org.uk
07552 751600

Drinks provided.
Bring your own lunch.
Everyone is welcome

REACH OUT INTO YOUR COMMUNITY THIS CHRISTMAS

There's something for everyone in this year's *Christmas HOPE* magazine. As well as lots of topical features, there's a Nativity story for families to read together, a game to play and a competition to enter. This 32-page, top quality, glossy give-away aims to be a conversation-starter, which will help you and your church this Christmas as you invite guests to seasonal events.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

In the next issue of the Newsletter, this box could include something about **YOUR** Church.

Just 25 words & if possible a link to your web site where folk can find out more. Send the details to

[JENNY](#)

THEOLOGY SLAM

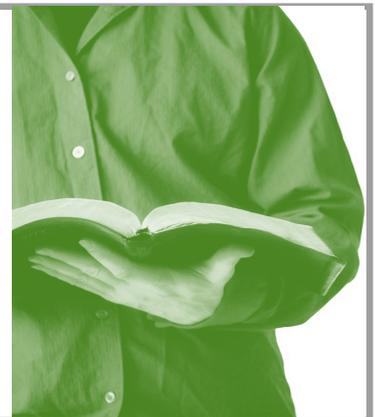
Open to any 18-30 year olds who have interesting things to think and say about God for these times.

To find out more,
www.churchtimes.co.uk/theology-slam

LAY PREACHING COURSE 2019

The 8 session Lay Preachers training course will start on 24th January 2019 at Redhill URC. There are two time slots to choose from: 10.30 – 12.30 19.00 – 21.00

If you are interested, please contact me to find out more: [Andy Twilley](#)



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West Melling, Kent

St Augustine's College Holds regular short courses and workshops on a range of topics designed to enliven and inform your Christian life.

To find out more : [CLICK HERE](#)



Events in 2019

Ministers Refresher Course: 18 - 22 March

URC/Methodist LEP Conference: 6 - 8 June

Eldership on the Frontline: 5 - 7 July

Living the Life of Jesus through our Worship
12 - 14 August and 13 - 15 Sept.

For details of other forthcoming events: [CLICK HERE](#)

SAVE THE DATE M.A.D. (2) IN 2019

Following the success of the M.A.D. days I am delighted to announce we will be running another series of days across synod in 2019, with a brand new set of seminars.

February 2: Crowborough [Click here for more](#)

July 13: Horsham [information:](#)

November 9: Canterbury

IMAGINE...

Effective leadership at every level of your church.

Leaders growing in Christ-like character.

Leaders confident about God's call on their lives.

Leaders equipped to lead.

LEADERSHIP is a proven factor in growing healthy churches, yet so many churches struggle to find leaders, and many in leadership feel ill equipped in a changing church and world.

STARTING January, this course will help develop leaders passionate for God's work.

Contact Andy Twilley to find out more: training@urcsouthern.org.uk



Canon Andrew White (Vicar of Baghdad) is speaking at Charlton URC on Thursday November 29th starting at 7.30pm. [CLICK HERE](#)



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LONDON MISSION COLLECTIVE

THE BRIEFING 2019
a one stop gathering
for church leaders to
hear what's happening
across the Capital in 2019
in terms of mission evangelism.
Tuesday January 8th
Breakfast Briefing: 9:30am till 11:30am
Lunch Briefing: 12:30pm till 2:30pm
Venue: All Bar One, The O2,
Greenwich Waterloo, SE10 0DX
For more details: londonmissioncollective.com/

Please note: A copy of this news sheet can be found and downloaded from the news section of the Synod website:
www.southernsynodurc.org.uk

Please note: All items for the next issue of "Mission and Vision" need to be sent to [Jenny Persaud-Haughton](mailto:Jenny.Persaud-Haughton@urcsouthern.org.uk) by 30 November 2018.

Church in focus

GIGGS HILL CHURCH stands on 1.12 acres of ground in St Paul's Cray, Kent, in the London Borough of Bromley, between Sidcup, Chislehurst, Petts Wood, St Mary Cray & Orpington. Starting originally as a house group, St Paul's Congregational

Church was built in 1960. Now known as Giggs Hill Church, we are keen to pass on the Good News about Jesus & the importance of trusting Him as your personal Saviour. We have a full time Pastor, Ian Burbridge, our church is unscoped. Ian lives onsite in The Manse with his wife, Linda.

At the centre of our church life is Sunday morning worship where we incorporate both traditional and contemporary music. We get together on Tuesdays for group Bible study and prayer. A weekly lunch club, called 'The Chat Room' presents us with opportunities to share our faith with the elderly in our community. We have services at Christmas, Easter and Harvest for Bromley Mind which runs a dementia respite day centre in one of our church halls. This is attended by residents, friends, family & carers. As we approach 2019, we are looking forward to engaging a volunteer for our children's & youth work from the charity, "Time for God" & progressing the redevelopment of the church property.

www.giggshill.org



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